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## **Bill Leonard Releases Ventura County Assessment Practices Survey Report**

Bill Leonard, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released an assessment practices survey report for Ventura County. The Report focuses on the quality of the 2006-07 Ventura County Assessment Roll, which contains 301,283 assessments representing \$95.8 billion in value.

The report shows that most properties in Ventura County are assessed properly, and that the overall quality of the assessment roll meets state standards. The Ventura County Assessor has made a major commitment to responding to public inquiries and work efficiencies through technology, improving workflow and taxpayer service by expanding assessment information on his website, and converting assessment information into electronic format for staff. In addition, the Assessor has implemented an electronic filing procedure for taxpayers to file their business property statements.

The report contains several recommendations for the Ventura County Assessor, which include properly assessing mineral properties and timely completing audits of business property accounts that are mandatory every four years.

The BOE is the agency responsible for promoting statewide uniformity and consistency in property tax assessment, reviewing each county's property assessment practices and procedures once every five years and publishing an assessment practices survey report. The report provides an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identifies where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county - unless specifically exempt - and maintain a database or "roll" of the properties and their assessed values. If the assessor's roll meets state requirements, the county is allowed to recapture some administrative costs.

For more information on the BOE Assessment Practices Survey program, visit: [www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm)

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002 and reelected in November 2006. Prior to his election, Bill Leonard served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

*Click [here](#) to view the 2008 Ventura County Assessment Practices Survey Report*

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